



**Town of Montague**  
**Department, Board, Committee, Commission**  
**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

**FY 19**

*Please complete this form electronically in its entirety!*

Department: 151 – Legal Counsel Submitted by: Steven Ellis

Please describe and provide the rationale for any substantial changes in your FY19 line item budget submission.

No changes are proposed for the legal counsel budget at this time.

Did you receive funding for any special articles in FY18? What is the status of those expenditures/investments?

No

To-date in FY18, has your department experienced any notable successes, such as improving or providing new programs or services, or implementing new technologies? If so, please describe.

We have a clear understanding that requests for general and labor counsel consultation run through the Town Administrator's office and are tracking expenditures in an organized fashion to allow for greater accountability in this budget area.

Are there challenges to your department's ability to meet its goals and objectives that are due to its FY18 operating budget? If so, offer your recommendation(s) for improving the situation.

The challenge for the legal services account will always be the unpredictability of the issues that may arise. It is my observation that none of the factors most affecting our budget in FY18 to date are a result of weak personnel policy, but I do believe this is an area where we can realize improvements and thereby see future cost avoidance.

Are there other areas of your budget where you wish advocate for change, such as stipends, materials, etcetera?

No.